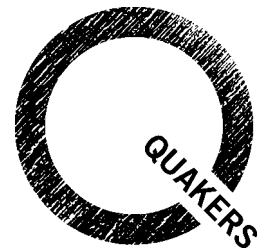


# Nominations Guidance

Junior Yearly Meeting

4 – 7 May 2018

At the Lee Valley Youth Hostel Essex



## Nominating to JYM

Please respond to this request by 12 February 2018, either returning this form by post, responding online at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/2018-jym-nomination-form/> , or by emailing [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk).

*If you are not nominating*, please fill out part 1 of the nomination form or call 020 7663 1013.

*If you are nominating*, please read the guidance in this document.

## JYM places (including numbers you can nominate)

- You can make one nomination to JYM for a *guaranteed* place.
- You can make other *additional* nominations. Please list them in priority order. See 'how to prioritise those interested' (page 3) for guidance about prioritising. When a place becomes available we will invite young people nominated for an additional place to book onto the event. All young people nominated for additional places, who have responded to the nomination to indicate their interest, will be informed whether or not a place is available for them by the end of February 2018.

Please check with the young people and their parents that they are available and willing to attend JYM prior to including them on your nomination form. A copy of an information sheet about JYM 2018 was included in the mailing sent out with these guidelines; use this to give young people an idea of what JYM is like. An electronic version can be accessed at the 15-18's section of [www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-events](http://www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-events).

## Deadline for nominations

- Please return the nomination form as soon as possible, as this helps planning, at the latest by 12 February 2018. No places can be guaranteed for nominations received after this date.

## Cost

- Area meetings / yearly meetings / schools will need to fund the guaranteed place and any additional nominations.
- The cost of the event is £235. This includes fully catered accommodation at the Lee Valley Youth Hostel, return travel to and from Friends House during the event, travel to Friends House on Monday and a packed lunch at Friends House on Monday.
- We suggest that Area Meetings offer to pay the cost of travel to JYM for their nominees. Arrangements regarding this should be handled directly with nominees.
- Please ensure that the payment for those you nominate is agreed before returning the nomination form. Invoices will be sent to AM / YM treasurers / schools prior to the event.
- As we have to pay the costs of the accommodation in advance, we will charge 50% of the costs for any who cancel before 1 March, 100% for those who cancel on or after 1 March.
- If your area meeting / yearly meeting / school is able to make a donation in addition to meeting the costs of those participants you have nominated, then that would be greatly appreciated. There is space to record this on Part 1 on the nomination form.

## Named Contact Person

- Please state on your nomination form the name of someone who can be the contact person for your AM, YM or school. Guidelines for this role were included in the mailing to AM clerks. In the past, the named contact people have proved invaluable in working with nominees to ensure they receive and respond to further JYM mailings, as well as supporting young peoples' participation in JYM and subsequent involvement in reporting back to AM / yearly meeting / school after JYM.

## Booking onto JYM

- When a young person is nominated for a guaranteed place we will contact them and ask them to confirm their place at JYM 2018 by filling out an information and consent form. If this is not returned within two weeks we will follow it up and ask the named contact person to do the same.
- When a young person is nominated for an additional place we will contact them and ask them to indicate that they wish to have a place at JYM 2018, informing them that we will contact them as soon as a place is available (we can do this as we hear from area meetings / yearly meetings / schools that they do not wish to nominate). When a place is available we will contact them asking them to confirm their place by returning an information and consent form. If this is not returned within two weeks we will follow it up and ask the named contact person to do the same. All those who are nominated for additional places will hear if one is available by the end of February 2018.
- When an information and consent form is returned we will inform the named contact person that the booking for JYM is confirmed.

## Points to consider when nominating

- **What is JYM like?**  
JYM is planned and facilitated by an Arrangements Committee of young people appointed by their peers at JYM in 2017. They have created a leaflet about the event. Please ask potential nominees to read this and consider whether they would like to participate in JYM (included in the JYM nominations mailing sent out with this guidance October 2017). All participants will be asked to indicate their agreement to the JYM boundaries in advance of the event and to uphold this agreement in how they conduct themselves during the event.
- **Who to ask?**  
JYM is a national gathering of young Quakers that explores a theme within the context of Quakerism. The programme is a combination of main speakers, activity sessions, small groups, Quaker worship, meetings for worship for business and base groups. It provides an ideal opportunity to encourage young people's spiritual journeys and develop their understanding of Quakerism. JYM will attend some sessions of YM at Friends House. You should take this into account when deciding who to nominate to JYM 2018.
- **Who is already nominated?**  
Those on the JYM 2018 Arrangements Committee do not need to be nominated (clerks of their area meetings were informed of this in September 2017). No other young people have places set aside for them.
- **Eligibility** (what age should nominees be)?  
Nominees must have been born between 1 September 1999 and 31 August 2002.
- **Willing and able?**  
Please check that the young people you nominate are willing and able to attend.
- **When is the event?**  
JYM starts in the evening of Friday 4 May at the Lee Valley Youth Hostel in Essex and finishes in the afternoon of Monday 7 May at Friends House.

- **Cancellations.**  
Ask potential nominees to consider other commitments that they might have at the time of JYM. Charges will apply in the case of cancellation, see 'cost' (page 1).
- **Getting to JYM.**  
Nominees need to be able to travel to and from JYM as no transport is offered. JYM participants could arrange to meet up to travel together.
- **What if the young person has individual needs?**  
If you have concerns about an individual's particular needs and whether they would be able to participate fully in JYM, please contact Cat Waithaka on 0207 663 1011 [catw@quaker.org.uk](mailto:catw@quaker.org.uk) to see what might be done to enable them to participate.
- **From another Yearly Meeting?**  
If you are not from Britain Yearly Meeting please consider if potential nominees have a good enough standard of English to get the most from JYM.
- **Expectation that young people will report back to the area meeting.**  
JYM is a representative event and part of the structure of BYM. It is important that participants report back to their area meeting, yearly meeting, or school after JYM. Please ensure that they are willing and able to do this before they are nominated.
- **How should we prioritise those interested?**  
First confirm that they are eligible and can attend the whole event. If you need to prioritise young people we suggest you do so using the following criteria:
  - 1) Oldest to youngest of those who have not been to JYM before.
  - 2) Try to ensure a mix of young people such as gender, involved/not so involved.
  - 3) Those who have been to JYM twice before should be at the bottom of the list.
 The information below about JYM over a three year cycle might be helpful to your thinking.

## JYM over a three year cycle

### This might affect decisions you make about who to nominate to JYM 2018

Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee and Quaker Life Central Committee decided that JYM will be offered in different forms over a three year cycle. This fits with the cycle of Yearly Meetings and Yearly Meeting Gatherings (YMG). The intention behind running JYM in this way is to increase participation of young people in Yearly Meeting decision making, enable their full integration within the Yearly Meeting and also focus on their spiritual development in age appropriate ways.

#### Year 1 (2018)

- *This JYM is for 15 to 18 year olds alongside BYM over the first bank holiday weekend in May with JYM accommodated separately as a group. Area meetings will be able to nominate at least one representative.*

#### Year 2 (2019)

- *This JYM is for 15 to 18 year olds as a residential event at Easter time for 5 days. Every area meeting will be able to nominate at least three representatives.*
- *There will be no formal programme for 15 to 18 year olds at Britain Yearly Meeting but an 'accompanying relationship' provided by staff and adult volunteers will be offered to those young people attending BYM.*

#### Year 3 (2020)

- *This JYM will take place as part of YMG for 14 to 17 year olds with the opportunity for every area meeting to nominate at least two representatives and to provide a responsible adult to support each representative during the event.*
- *This JYM is for those a year younger than in other years, this will avoid 18 year olds needing responsible adults on site. Those too old for JYM will be able to participate in an opportunity for young adults at YMG organised by Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.*

## Further information

If you would like further information about the nomination process for JYM 2018 then contact either the CYP Administrator on 020 7663 1013 [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk) or Cat Waithaka (Youth Participation Officer) 0207 663 1011 [catw@quaker.org.uk](mailto:catw@quaker.org.uk)